Map for armed force personnels

298. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Prime Minister's Rs. 17,000 crore Married Accommodation Project (MAP) for armed force personnels;

(b) whether it is running behind schedule;

(c) the number of dwellings envisaged under this project; and

(d) the tentative period for the construction and completion of dwellings under this project?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Construction of 1,98,881 dwelling units of married accommodation, for construction in four phases at an estimated cost of Rs. 17,358 crores is proposed. Phase-I of the work covering 61,658 dwelling units has been approved and the work has been assigned to CPWD, DRDO, three PSUs *viz.* NBCC, RITES and IRCON AND DG MAP, an organisation created out of the establishment of E-in-C's Branch/MES.

(b) No, sir.

(c) Construction of 1,98,881 dwelling units is envisaged.

(d) The proposed construction is likely to be completed by 2008-2009.

Applicability of annual recruitment plan on service personnel

299. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions issued by Department of Personnel and Training (DOP&T) for setting up of Screening Committees for preparing Annual Recruitment Plan are not applicable to service personnel;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons/justification for application of the above instructions on civilian Stenographers in AFHQ authorised for attachment with such Service Officers?